EPISCOPAL LIBERALS PLAN FIGHT ON MISSAL

Resolutions of Condemnation to Be Offered at Diocesan Meeting —Manning Views Awaited.

When the 148th annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York is held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Synod House of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine a fight will be made against the so-called American missal, issued by a group of bishops and clergymen of the Anglo-Catholic group of the communion. The liberal bishops and clergymen are fighting against permitting its use at any Episcopal altar, contending that it represents the Roman Catholic mass.

It was said last night that unless Bishop William T. Manning comes out solidly against the missal in his annual address a series of resolutions will be submitted condemning it.

One resolution which has been submitted calls upon Bishop Manning to inhibit the use of the missal in this diocese. A second calls upon the committee on canons to interpret the missal in the light of the canons of the Church, which say that only the ordinances in the Book of Common Prayer can be used at Episcopal altars.

A third resolution asks that the diocese of New York memorialize the triennial general convention of the communion to be held at Denver in September to take action of disavowal of the missal based on the opinion that it is "an illegal and uncanonical book, contrary to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

So far, Bishop Manning has not publicly committed himself. The Rev. Dr. H. Percy Silver, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, announced three weeks ago in a sermon that he would file a protest that week against the use of the missal in any church in this diocese.

Among the bishops who have condemned the use of the missal so far are the Right Rev. Charles Fiske of Utica, Bishop of Central New York; the Right Rev. Francis M. Tait of Philadelphia, and the Right Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein of Baltimore.

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